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Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Alafat, Beth; Timmermann, Timothy; Clement, Jay L CIV USARMY CENAE (US)
Cc: Marsh, Michael; LeClair, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: CMP Transmission line/ NECEC 404 permits

Hi Jay,

As you can see below, we have had some interest from the Sierra Club on this project. EPA knows very little about this one. Can you make any corrections to my brief summary below and pass on any updates about the project.

Thank you, Mark

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Subject: RE: CMP Transmission line/ NECEC 404 permits

Hi Tim and Beth,

I have sent you both all of this before. I do not have much on this project, and I done very little work on it. But let me try to pull all this together again in one spot. I have never been to a meeting on this project. But I did quickly review a draft document over a year ago that had many holes and gaps. Otherwise everything I have has been from asking the Corps (Jay). We will know more after 3/19.

CMP is getting together with the Corps and FWS to talk about endangered species issues on March 19. At the end of the meeting they plan to have an update on the project that we can call into. Not sure about the time yet. So, yes we should know more in a couple of weeks. So, I would tell Becky that we can tell her more after that time.

You may also want to tell her all the usual stuff: the Corps issues 404 permits (we will comment to the Corps), we have a limited say in having an EIS (we do not think there will be an EIS), and public hearing (I expect the state will hold one and the Corps will be part of it).

Most of this review will likely happen after I am gone, so, Jackie and I briefly spoke with Mike about taking this one on. Here is what I have from my weekly notes over the last year or two.

7/31/2018

Central Maine Power (CMP) Maine The Corps of Engineers has informed EPA that while an application has been submitted by CMP, many gaps remain. A third-party peer review of the application on behalf of ME DEP found a bunch of inaccuracies on the delineations and tabulations of the impacts. The Corps suspects that they are still months away from any kind of Public Notice. Since the demise of the Northern Pass project in NH, this project has been on a fast track to take its place. While most of the proposed corridor would abut existing transmission lines, 28% of the corridor would be on a new alignment, very similar to the Northern Pass proposal.

12/18/2017

Central Maine Power (CMP) Maine The Corps of Engineers forwarded to EPA an early phase document to construct a 1,200 MW transmission line for 145 miles from Canada to New England. There are no estimates for impacts in the document drafted by Burns and McDonnell. It appears that CMP is waiting to see if they are likely to be selected in the request for proposals before they do more detailed work. While most of the proposed corridor would abut existing transmission lines, 28% of the corridor would be on a new alignment. In an email to the Corps, Mark Kern of EPA recommended that the applicant consider burial options along these new alignments. Usually the best options for burial would be along existing highways, where the landscape has been altered.

Cheers, Mark

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Thanks Tim. Mark do we know any more from the ACOE on this project?

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Thank you so much-
I want to be sure we can weigh in on the WOTUS 404 issues
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On Mar 1, 2019, at 4:11 PM, Timmermann, Timothy <Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov> wrote:

Susan:

I'm checking with colleagues to see what we know about the project so far. Just wanted you to know that I am working on it. I have not been actively engaged on this project to date.

I'll be in touch soon.

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Subject: CMP Transmission line/ NECEC 404 permits

Dear Tim,

Do you have permitting public hearings planned for this proposal?
I assume that there will be an EIS Required by the extent of the project
and the number of stream and wetland crossings. Has the IRT
(Interagency Review Team) met over this application? If not when
will there be a process that is open to public comment.

Thanks
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